

David Mead

From: jim mckindles <jmckindles77@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2013 12:12 PM
To: Rep. Gail Haines (District 43); Rep. Kevin Cotter; Rep. Frank Foster; Rep. Ray Franz; Rep. Ken Goike; Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Tom Leonard (District 93); Rep. Dave Pagel (District 78); District 14; Rep. Jim Townsend; Rep. Andy Schor (District 68); Rep. Harvey Santana (District 9); Rep. Kate Segal (District 62); Rep. Greg MacMaster; David Mead; Rep. Gail Haines (District 43); Speaker James Bolger (District 63); senhwalker@senate.michigan.gov ; SenRichardville@senate.michigan.gov; senRJones@senate.michigan.gov; Rep. Wayne Schmidt (District 104)
Subject: HR 4714

To All Michigan Congressmen;

HR 4714 is another attempt to expand Medicaid and more socialism for us here in Michigan.

I can only conclude the feds and their lobbyists are again waving a pile of money in your faces.

HR 4714 is unconstitutional no matter how much money is promised. Period.

I demand that you end these unauthorized socialist tendencies as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

James McKindles
Presque Isle County Republican Delegate
Member of Cheboygan TEA Party Patriots
Presque Isle County Coordinator Campaign for Liberty
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David Mead

From: James Tanner <jmtanner01@wowway.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 2:52 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: hb4714

Please enter this into the record , Thank You. Vote No on HB 4714. Jim Tanner , 4822 stoddard . troy , Mi 48085..

David Mead

From: Russ and Connie Lapham <laphams2@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 5:54 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: HB 4714
Attachments: HB 4714 on Medicaid Expansion.docx

Dear Clerk Mead:

Please enter my testimony in opposition to HB 4714 to the written record of the Michigan Competitiveness Committee .

I have it attached in word format.

Connie Lapham
Perrinton, MI

David Mead

From: Kathleen Davis <kathledav5@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 8:27 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Medicaid expansion

I am against Medicaid expansion. Please use my name as testimony against Medicaid expansion. Kathleen Davis

David Mead

From: joan jacobson <jacobson012@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 10:28 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: Medicaid Expansion H.R. 4714

Committee Clerk, David Mead

Dear Mr. Mead:

Please enter my e-mail into the record.

I urge committee members, Michigan Competitiveness, to oppose H.R. 4714, Medicaid Expansion. I do not want Medicaid Expansion in any way, shape or form. Keep Michigan free from commands and co-dependency of the federal government which is out of control.

Design a program for the state of Michigan, our own program. Tomorrow the U.S. House is taking a vote on repealing Obamacare and one of the main supporters of Obamacare a DEMOCRAT, Senator Max Baucus, is on record as saying its a "train wreck" about to happen.

Cut the strings to Obamacare. Its a reform about to collapse. Thank you, Sincerely, Mrs. Joan Jacobson, Lake Odessa 48849

David Mead

From: juanita parker <juanita-parker@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 11:17 PM
To: David Mead
Cc: Rep. Mike Shirkey (District 65); Rep. Ken Yonker; Rep. Gail Haines (District 43); Rep. Kevin Cotter; Rep. Frank Foster; Rep. Ray Franz; Rep. Ken Goike; Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Tom Leonard (District 93); Rep. Dave Pagel (District 78); District 14; Rep. Jim Townsend; Rep. Andy Schor (District 68); Rep. Harvey Santana (District 9); Rep. Kate Segal (District 62); Speaker James Bolger (District 63)
Subject: HB 47414

Please enter this E Mail as a record of my testimony.

Even though this bill offers some reforms they are bandages to the problem. **The bottom line** the real answer to Medicaid reform, is to get out of the **Federal program, NOT** expand it. **Keep the money in our state** and let Michigan design its own program (free markets, insurance and tort reforms, etc.) free from the commands and the co-dependency of Federal dollars of Washington D.C.

We do not want an expansion of medicaid now or ever. It will end up bankrupting the state and the taxpayers as well.

Walk With God Today

David Mead

From: stephenie@chebteaparty.org
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2013 9:57 AM
To: David Mead
Cc: Rep. Mike Shirkey (District 65); Rep. Ken Yonker; Rep. Gail Haines (District 43); Rep. Kevin Cotter; Rep. Frank Foster; Rep. Ray Franz; Rep. Ken Goike; Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Tom Leonard (District 93); Rep. Dave Pagel (District 78); District 14; Rep. Jim Townsend; Rep. Andy Schor (District 68); Rep. Harvey Santana (District 9); Rep. Kate Segal (District 62); Howard Walker; Rep. Peter Pettalia
Subject: Testimony for the Michigan Competitiveness Committee

Hello David,
Could you please submit the following as email testimony for the MI Competitiveness Committee hearing this afternoon. Thanks.

Hello Representatives,
My husband and I are small business owners in Gaylord, Michigan as well as parents of 4 small children. We are writing today to encourage you to vote against any attempt to expand Medicaid in Michigan, most recently HB 4714. Though the short term outlook promises federal aid for the expansion, given the debt and out of control spending currently taking place in Washington, the outlook for continued federal aid is not promising. Medicaid is not good healthcare, and it is currently full of problems and pitfalls. We do not need to expand an already failing program. Plus, once the bills come due and the feds cut back - who is stuck paying the bill? The same people always left holding the check - the hardworking people of Michigan. If you campaigned against Obamacare (and many of you did) - you must know that expanding Medicaid is one of the ways that it will be implemented (even though the President stated this was not the way he was going to implement the PPACA. When you pass a 2000+ page bill, written by staffers and special interests, in the dead of night without reading it - it's no surprise that it is a complete disaster) This is not something you are not obligated to do and if you do it there will be consequences in the next election cycle. We the people will not forget those who spend, grow government, and ignore the US Constitution.

Thank You,
Stephenie and Tony Jacobson
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Cheboygan, MI 49721

David Mead

From: i Mac <apackoftwo@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2013 8:32 AM
To: Rep. Mike Shirkey (District 65); Rep. Ken Yonker; Rep. Gail Haines (District 43); Rep. Kevin Cotter; Rep. Frank Foster; Rep. Ray Franz; Rep. Ken Goike; Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Tom Leonard (District 93); Rep. Dave Pagel (District 78); District 14; Rep. Jim Townsend; Rep. Andy Schor (District 68); Rep. Harvey Santana (District 9); Rep. Kate Segal (District 62)
Cc: David Mead; Speaker James Bolger (District 63)
Subject: I OPPOSE HB 4714
Importance: High

Committee Clerk, **Please submit this e-mail into the public testimony record**

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

I oppose HB 4714 for the following reasons:

1. The Medicaid Expansion

*Enroll nondisabled adults with an annual income level **below 133% of the federal poverty guidelines** who meet the citizenship provisions of 42 CFR 435.406(a) - (§ 435.406 Citizenship **and alienage.**)*

Also since the Dept of Community Health (DCH) will be using the **Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)** system to determine eligibility **the numbers will be higher than previously estimated by the Governor.**

The Medicaid Expansion is vital to the success of Obama Care

Any state savings are TEMPORARY

Medicaid is a broken, costly taxpayer dollar sucking program rife with fraud that is terrible health care.

Coverage for the poor should not be synonymous with poor coverage

Further research and cites may be found at <<http://grassrootsmichigan.com/?p=3049>>

A recent study the "**The Oregon Experiment**" <<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMsa1212321>> , " in the **New England Journal of Medicine** and measured several health areas, like blood pressure, glycated hemoglobin, cholesterol and depression. The report compared two groups of similar people: one group in the state's Medicaid program and another that was not enrolled in the state's Medicaid program. Mean values and absolute changes in clinical outcomes and health outcomes with Medicaid coverage. "**We found no significant effect of Medicaid coverage** on the prevalence or diagnosis of hypertension or high cholesterol levels or on the use of medication for these conditions," the study said. "Medicaid coverage significantly increased the probability of a diagnosis of diabetes and the use of diabetes medication, but we observed no significant effect on average glycated hemoglobin levels or on the percentage of participants with levels of 6.5 percent or higher."

Further, Each state that declines to expand Medicaid relieves strain on the overall federal budget.

<<http://goldwaterinstitute.org/blog/states-can-impose-fiscal-discipline-washington>>

In the area of finding **fraud** the Department of Community Health (DCH) received a grade of “ **moderately effective**” in several audit reports on Michigan’s Medicaid program issued January of this year. Michigan’s Auditor General found:

In the area of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies – Performance Audit – 391-0717-12 <http://audgen.michigan.gov/finalpdfs/12_13/r391071712.pdf> (**DMEPOS**) the auditor found that DCH was “moderately effective” and found **improper payments** of \$997,000 (approximately **\$293,000 General Fund/general purpose**) and **potential improper payments** of up to \$1,600,000 (approximately **\$470,000 General Fund/general purpose**). DCH issued **\$341,000 (approximately \$100,000 General Fund/general purpose)** in **duplicate payments** to the same provider that submitted a claim multiple times with a different modifier

DCH did not ensure that it prevented, detected, and recovered duplicate payments for DMEPOS

In another audit, Medicaid Pharmacy Services – Performance Audit – 391-0116-12 <http://audgen.michigan.gov/finalpdfs/12_13/r391011612.pdf>

The auditor found:

DCH **did not** identify and recover Medicaid pharmaceutical drug payments made on behalf of beneficiaries who were **Medicare eligible**

We estimate that DCH **could recover up to \$15.3 million (\$5.4 million General Fund/general purpose)** in pharmaceutical claims that were originally paid by Medicaid but are the financial responsibility of Medicare (Federal)

For example:

DCH did not always ensure that it notified the PBM of **deceased service providers**. As a result, **324 pharmacies** were reimbursed \$89,000 (**\$31,000 General Fund/general purpose**) for prescriptions written **after the date of death of 82 deceased service providers**

DCHs efforts to identify and recover payments for pharmaceutical drugs covered by Medicare were **moderately effective**

Although I appreciate attempts at reform, (“**or buy their own coverage on a marketplace known as an exchange.**” This is similar to Gov. Walker’s plan **except** that Gov. Walker is **NOT** expanding Medicaid.) **no significant reforms** (such as block grants or Federal vouchers) can be achieved at a state level as Medicaid is a Federal program. Indeed that is why the state of Michigan **has** to require a Federal waiver to implement any reforms.

*This section **does not apply** if either of the following occurs: (a) If the department of community health is unable to obtain **a waiver from the United States** department of health and human services to implement the provisions of section 105d or 106(1)(c)*

Any attempts at reforms, are bandages to the problem particularly coupled with expanding a flawed costly Federal program. The bottom line the real answer to Medicaid reform, is to get out of the Federal program, NOT expand it. Keep the money in our state and let Michigan design its own program (free markets,

insurance and tort reforms, etc.) free from the commands and the co-dependency of Federal dollars of Washington D.C.

Thank you

Joan Fabiano

Holt, MI 48842

Grassroots in Michigan <<http://grassrootsmichigan.com>>

"The appropriation of public money always is perfectly lovely until some one is asked to pay the bill.." President Calvin Coolidge

—*New York Herald Tribune*, August 5, 1930.

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is argument of tyrants .It is the creed of slaves."

—William Pitt in the House of Commons November 18, 1783